What is claimed is:

1. A measuring method comprising the steps of:
shooting an object to be measured;

5   combining together a plurality of images obtained
by the shooting to generate a combined image of the
object;
designating a measuring region of the generated
combined image;

10   creating a measurement path measuring program by
inputting parameters for creating a measurement path;
and
measuring the designated measuring region along the
measurement path according to the created measurement

15 path measuring program.

2. A measuring method as claimed in claim 1,
wherein said step of creating the measurement path
measuring program comprises inputting at least one first
parameter required for measurement in X-axis and Y-axis

20 directions to create the measurement path measuring
program, and then inputting at least one second
parameter required for measurement in a Z-axis direction
to finalize the measurement path measuring program.

3. A measuring method as claimed in claim 1,

25 wherein said step of shooting the object comprises
shooting part of the object with a camera attached to a
measuring tool for use in measuring the object, while
moving the camera and the object relative to each other.

4. A measuring method as claimed in claim 1,

30 further comprising a step of displaying the combined
image, and wherein said step of designating the
measuring region comprises designating the measuring
region by painting a specific color on the displayed
image of the object.

35   5. A measuring method as claimed in claim 4,

further comprising a step of displaying the created measurement path in a manner being superimposed on the displayed combined image.

6. A measuring method as claimed in claim 3, further comprising a step of setting a range of image pickup by the camera by designating a starting point and a terminating point with respect to the object for shooting.

7. A measuring system comprising:

shooting means for shooting an object to be measured;

image generating means for combining together a plurality of images obtained by the shooting to generate a combined image of the object;

designating means for designating a measuring region of the generated combined image;

program creating means for creating a measurement path measuring program by inputting parameters for creating a measurement path; and

measuring means for measuring the designated measuring region along the measurement path according to the created measurement path measuring program.

8. A storage medium storing a program for causing a computer to execute a measuring method, comprising:

a module for shooting an object to be measured;

a module for combining together a plurality of images obtained by the shooting to generate a combined image of the object;

a module for designating a measuring region of the generated combined image;

a module for creating a measurement path measuring program by inputting parameters for creating a measurement path; and

a module for measuring the designated measuring region along the measurement path according to the

created measurement path measuring program.